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The QUERIES, as settled by the YEARLY-MEETING, 1791, 116

Which directs that they shall be answered in writing in the order following, and that no other Queries be used without the leave of the Yearly-Meeting.

To the Quarterly Meeting in the SPRING, and from thence to the Yearly Meeting, *the first twelve.*

To the Quarterly Meeting in AUTUMN, the 1st. 3^d. 10th. 13th, 14th, & 15th.

To the Quarterly Meetings in SUMMER and WINTER, the 1st. 3^d. 10th. & 14th.

1. Are Meetings for Worship and Discipline kept up, and do Friends attend them duly, and at the time appointed? And do they avoid all unbecoming behaviour therein?

2. Is there among you any growth in the Truth? And hath any convincement appeared since last year?

3. Are Friends preserved in love towards each other? If differences arise, is due care taken speedily to end them? And are Friends careful to avoid, and discourage, tale-bearing and detraction?

4. Do Friends endeavour by example and precept to train up their children, servants, and those under their care, in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession; in the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel? And are the remiss duly admonished?

5. Are Friends just in their dealings, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements? And are they annually advised carefully to inspect the state of their affairs once in the year?

6. Are Friends careful to avoid all vain sports and places of diversion, gaming, all unnecessary frequenting of taverns and other public-houses, excess in drinking, and intemperance of every kind?

7. Do Friends bear a faithful and Christian testimony against receiving and paying tithes, priests demands, and those called church rates? And are the unfaithful duly admonished?

8. Are Friends faithful in our testimony against bearing arms, and being in any man-

ner concerned in the militia, in privateers, letters of marque, or armed vessels, or dealing in prize goods?

9. Are Friends clear of defrauding the King of his customs, duties, and excise, and of using, or dealing in, goods suspected to be run?

10. Are the necessities of the Poor among you properly inspected and relieved; and is good care taken of the education of their offspring?

11. Have any meetings been settled, discontinued, or united since last year?

12. Are there any Friends prisoners for our Testimonies, and if any one hath died a prisoner, or been discharged since last year; when and how?

13. Is early care taken to admonish such as appear inclinable to marry in a manner contrary to the rules of our Society, and to deal with such as persist in refusing to take counsel?

14. Have you two or more faithful Friends appointed by the Monthly Meeting as Overseers, in each particular meeting? Are the rules respecting removals duly observed? And is due care taken when any thing appears amiss, that the rules of our discipline be timely and impartially put in practice?

15. Do you keep a record of the Prosecutions and Sufferings of your Members? Is due care taken to register all Marriages, Births, and Burials? Are the Titles of your Meeting-houses, Burial-grounds, &c. duly preserved and recorded? And are all Legacies and Donations properly secured and recorded, and duly applied?